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AIR BASES ORDER 1730.1H

From: Commander, MCABWA
Commanding General, 3d MAW
To: Distribution List

Subj: COORDINATION OF WING AND STATION COMMAND RELIGIOUS
PROGRAMS

Ref: (a) MCO 1730.6D

1. Purpose. To promulgate policy concerning the coordination of religious activities of the Wing and Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area (MCABWA) chaplains per the reference.

2. Cancellation. ABO 1730.1G

3. Background. It is the responsibility of the chaplains assigned to MCABWA to provide coverage and an effective religious program for the MCABWA military communities. It is the responsibility of the chaplains assigned to 3d Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) to provide the same for Wing personnel. In a garrison situation, such as exists for personnel located in the MCABWA, more effective programs and better chaplain usage are achieved by cooperation in Wing and Station religious activities. Within the pattern of cooperative ministry, every chaplain is dependent on the assistance of other chaplains to provide a full religious program for the command. However, such cooperation is never to abridge the first responsibility of Fleet Marine Force (FMF) chaplains to their respective units.

4. Information

a. The MCABWA Chaplain will be the coordinator for the overall area religious program. This is to be interpreted as a cooperative ministry with the chaplains of the 3d MAW. This order does not modify the existing chains of command or the supervisory responsibilities of the senior chaplains. The MCABWA Chaplain will be the coordinator for area religious ministry at Marine Corps Air Stations (MCASs) Miramar, Yuma, and Camp

Pendleton, working in that capacity with the Command Chaplain of those commands.

b. The first priority of FMF chaplains is to their assigned units, particularly to those deployed. It is impossible for FMF chaplains to provide full ministry to Marines and their families without assistance. They must also depend on the area religious ministry to provide balance and meet family needs.

c. Each MCAS Command Chaplain will be responsible for scheduling and coordinating all divine services, including memorial, funeral, and other special services or religious functions requiring religious ministry. The MCAS Command Chaplain will arrange for the services of off-station chaplains or civilian clergy as requested by personnel whose faiths are not represented among the chaplains on board or who, for some reason, desire another clergy.

5. Action

a. The Wing Chaplain, upon request from the Command Chaplain, MCABWA, will coordinate the services of available chaplains assigned to the Wing to assist the Station Chapel Programs of MCABWA. Short term involvement with station and base religious ministries is requested to the extent it does not conflict with FMF units.

b. The Command Chaplains of 3d MAF and MCABWA will periodically call meetings and coordinate professional training for all chaplains and religious program specialists.

c. The MCABWA Chaplain, in cooperation with the Wing Command Chaplain, will prepare a Duty Chaplain Watchlist for MCAS Miramar. The Command Chaplain, MCAS Yuma, in cooperation with the Group Chaplain, will prepare the Duty Chaplain Watchbill for appropriate coverage for Station and Wing personnel assigned to Yuma.

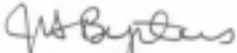
d. The Command Chaplain at MCAS Yuma will keep the MCABWA Chaplain informed of programs and needs pertaining to the Command Religious Program as appropriate. MCAS Yuma chaplains will attend meetings and training sessions of MCABWA when feasible. The Command Chaplain, MCAS Yuma will establish coordinating procedures on religious ministry with FMF units assigned.


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e. The Senior Religious Program (RP) Specialist at MCAS Miramar in cooperation with the Senior RP of 3d MAW will prepare a Duty RP Watchbill to cover religious activities. The senior RP at MCAS Yuma in cooperation with the MAG will prepare a RP Watchbill to cover religious activities at their respective commands.

f. All chaplains and assigned personnel to the 3d MAW and MCABWA will be guided by the provisions of this order in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities.


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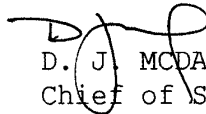
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AIR BASE ORDER 1730.1H CH 1

From: Commander
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1. Purpose. To direct a pen change to the basic Order.
2. Action. On page 2, paragraph 4c, delete "The Command Chaplain will arrange for the services of off station chaplains or civilian clergy as requested by personnel whose faiths are not represented among the chaplains on board or who, for some reason, desire another clergy."
3. Filing Instructions. File this Change Transmittal directly behind the signature page of the basic Order.


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